

How to calculate an ANOVA table

Calculations by Hand

We look at the following example: Let us say we measure the height of some plants under the effect of 3 different fertilizers.

Treatment	Measures	Mean	\hat{A}_i
X	1 2 2
Y	5 6 5
Z	2 1
Overall mean	// ...		

STEP 0: The model:

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + A_i + \epsilon_{ij} \quad (0.1)$$

$$\sum_i n_i A_i = 0 \quad (0.2)$$

Interpretation:

An observation y_{ij} is given by: the average height of the plants (μ), plus the effect of the fertilizer (A_i), and an "error" term (ϵ_{ij}), i.e. every seed is different and therefore any plant will be different.

All these values (μ, A_i, ϵ_{ij}) are UNKNOWN!

Our GOAL is to test if the hypothesis $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = 0$ is plausible¹.

Remark 1 *If we have a control group (for example treatment "X" is "without any fertilizer", then we assume that the values of X are in some way the best approximation for μ , therefore we can choose $A_1 = 0$ in spite of condition (0.2).*

STEP 1: complete the first table.

For the **treatment means** it is enough to calculate the mean of the values

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean}_X &= \frac{1 + 2 + 2}{3} = 1.667 \\ \text{Mean}_Y &= \frac{5 + 6 + 5}{3} = 5.333 \\ \text{Mean}_Z &= \frac{1 + 2}{2} = 1.5 \end{aligned}$$

¹We DO NOT find "the correct value" for the A_i
We WILL NOT find *which* factor (treatment) has an effect, we just look if in general treatments has effect on the results.

The (estimated) overall mean ($\hat{\mu}$, which is an estimation of the exact, unknown overall mean μ) is calculated as follows²:

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1 + 2 + 2 + 5 + 6 + 5 + 2 + 1}{8} = 3$$

The **estimated effects** \hat{A}_i are the difference between the "estimated treatment mean" and the "estimated overall mean", i.e.

$$\hat{A}_i = \text{Mean}_i - \hat{\mu}$$

So

$$\hat{A}_1 = 1.667 - 3 = -1.333$$

$$\hat{A}_2 = 5.333 - 3 = 2.333$$

$$\hat{A}_3 = 1.5 - 3 = -1.5$$

Then:

Treatment	Measures	Mean	\hat{A}_i
X	1 2 2	1.667	-1.333
Y	5 6 5	5.333	2.333
Z	2 1	1.5	-1.5
Overall mean	// 3		

STEP 2: The ANOVA table.

Cause of the variation	df	SS	MS	F	F^{Krit}
Treatment
Residuals		
Total			

For the **column df (degrees of freedom)** just remember the rule "minus one":

$$\text{We have 3 different Treatments} \Rightarrow df_{treat} = 3 - 1 = 2$$

$$\text{We have 8 different measurements} \Rightarrow df_{tot} = 8 - 1 = 7$$

$$df_{treat} + df_{res} = df_{tot} \Rightarrow df_{res} = 7 - 2 = 5$$

For the **column SS (sum of squares)** we can proceed as follows:

²Remark that the overall mean does not necessary coincide with the mean of the y_i !

$$\begin{aligned}
SS_{treat} &= \text{"sum of squares **between** treatment groups"} \\
&= \sum \hat{A}_i^2 \cdot \#measures \\
&= (-1.33)^2 \cdot 3 + (2.33)^2 \cdot 3 + (1.5)^2 \cdot 2 = 26.17
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
SS_{res} &= \text{"sum of squares **within** treatment groups"} \\
&= \sum_i \sum_j (y_{ij} - y_{i.})^2 = \sum_i SS_{row_i} \\
&= [(1 - 1.667)^2 + (2 - 1.667)^2 + (2 - 1.667)^2] + [0.667] + [0.5] \\
&= 1.83
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
SS_{tot} &= \text{"**Total** sum of squares"} \\
&= \sum_{i,j} (y_{ij} - \hat{\mu})^2 \\
&= (1 - 3)^2 + (2 - 3)^2 + \dots + (1 - 3)^2 = 28
\end{aligned}$$

Remark 2 The total "SS" is always equal to the sum of the other "SS"!

$$\begin{aligned}
SS_{tot} &= SS_{treat} + SS_{res} \\
28 &= 26.17 + 1.83
\end{aligned}$$

For the *column MS (mean square)* just remember the rule $MS = SS/df$, then:

$$\begin{aligned}
MS_{treat} &= \frac{SS_{treat}}{df_{treat}} = \frac{26.17}{2} = 13.08 \\
MS_{res} &= \frac{SS_{res}}{df_{res}} = \frac{1.83}{5} = 0.37
\end{aligned}$$

The **F-value** is just given by:

$$F = \frac{MS_{treat}}{MS_{res}} = \frac{13.08}{0.37} = 35.68$$

Interpretation:

The *F-value* says us how far away we are from the hypothesis "we can not distinguish between error and treatment", i.e. "Treatment is not relevant according to our data"!

A big *F-value* implies that the effect of the treatment is relevant!

Remark 3 A small *F-value* does NOT imply that the hypothesis $A_i = 0 \forall i$ is true. (We just can not conclude that it is false!)

STEP 3: The decision:

Similar as for a T-test we calculate the critical value for the level $\alpha = 5\%$ with degrees of freedom 2 and 5 (just read off the values from the appropriate table)³.

$$\alpha = 5\% \Rightarrow F_{2,5}^{krit}(5\%) = 5.79$$

We have calculated $F = 35.68 > F_{2,5}^{krit}(5\%)$.

Consequently we REJECT THE HYPOTHESIS $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = 0!!!$

Similarly we could obtain the same result by calculating the *p-value*

$$p = 0.11\% \Leftarrow F_{2,5}(p) = 35.68$$

0.11% is less than 5%.

Consequently we reject the hypothesis $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = 0!!!$

Calculations with R

STEP 0: Insert the data

```
v <- c(1,2,2,5,6,5,2,1)
TR <- c(1,1,1,2,2,2,3,3)
d <- data.frame(v,TR)
d$TR <- as.factor(d$TR)
```

Interpretation:

- All the measurements have to be in the same vector (*v* in this case).
- For every factor (in this case just *TR*) we construct a vector, which can be interpreted as follows: the first three Values of the vector *v* belong to treatment 1 (*X*), the two last components to treatment 3 (*Z*) and the other 3 to treatment 2 (*Y*).
- WE know that *v* and *TR* belong to the same set of data, WE have to tell this even the PC! Therefore: `d <- data.frame(v,TR)`!
- WE know that the factor *TR* in the data set *d* is a factor, the PC doesn't! Therefore: `d$TR <- as.factor(d$TR)`!
- check with `str(d)` that `d$v` is a vector of numbers (`num`) and `d$TR` is a factor (`Factor`)

³Because F is obtained by MS_{treat} (2 deg of freedom) and MS_{res} (5 deg of freedom), we calculate $F_{2,5}^{krit}(5\%)$.

```

> str(d)
'data.frame': 8 obs. of 2 variables:
 $ v : num  1 2 2 5 6 5 2 1
 $ TR: Factor w/ 3 levels "1","2","3": 1 1 1 2 2 2 3 3

```

STEP 1: Do the ANOVA table

```

d.fit <- aov(v~TR,data=d)
summary(d.fit)

```

Interpretation:

- Makes an ANOVA table of the data set `d`, analysing if the factor `TR` has a significant effect on `v`.
- The function `summary` shows the ANOVA table.

```

> summary(d.fit)
          Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
TR          2 26.1667 13.0833  35.682 0.001097 **
Residuals   5  1.8333  0.3667
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

```

STEP 2: Decision:

Interpretation:

- Exactly the same as for the "by hand" calculated table
- With R we do not have the critical values to a level, but we have the P -value ($\text{Pr}(>F)$).
 $\text{Pr}(>F)=0.1097\%$, this means: if we choose a level α of 0.1% , we can not reject the Null-Hypothesis, by choosing a level $\alpha = 0.11\%$ or bigger we have to reject H_0 ! (Usually we choose $\alpha = 5\% \Rightarrow H_0$ will be rejected!)